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Title : IN VITRO PLATFORM FOR SCREENING AGENTS
INDUCING ISLET CELL NEOGENESIS
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Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

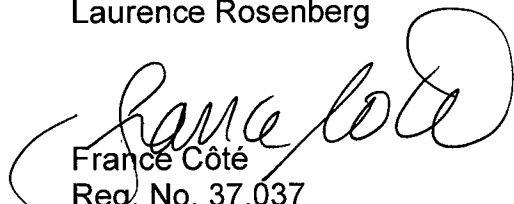
In complete response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed August 1, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect, albeit with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely claims 1 to 4.

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. The claims of Groups I to IV are related as products and methods of using. Under M.P.E.P. §806.05(h), a product and a process of using are only distinct inventions if it can be shown that "(1) the process for using as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product, or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process." Thus, the method as presently claimed cannot be practiced with other materially different products or methods. Therefore, the requirements of M.P.E.P. §806.05(h) are not met. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and examination on the merits are therefore respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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